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## IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims in accordance with the following;

1-10. (Canceled).

- 11. (Currently amended) A method of treating Propionibacterium acne, the steps comprising, providing a composition comprising an effective amount of one or more alkylated er-acylated monosaccharides or oligosaccharides, wherein the composition is in a form that is suitable for topical administration, and applying the composition to an afflicted portion of skin.
- 12. (Currently amended) A method of treating seborrhea, the steps comprising, providing a composition comprising an effective amount of one or more alkylated er-acylated monosaccharides or oligosaccharides, wherein the composition is in a form that is suitable for topical administration, and applying the composition to an afflicted portion of skin.
- 13. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 11, characterized in that the alkylated and/or acylated monosaccharide(s) is/are chosen from substances which are given by the general structural formulae

$$CH_2OH$$
 $CH_2OH$ 
 $C$ 

in which  $R_1$  and/or  $R_2$  include branched or unbranched saturated alkyl groups or acyl groups having 1-25 carbon atoms.

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- 14. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 11, characterized in that the alkylated and/or acylated-disaccharide(s) or oligo-glucosides are chosen from substances which are given by the general structural formulae 4\_in which R.sub.3-R.sub.6 include branched or unbranched saturated alkyl groups or acyl groups having 1-25 carbon atoms.
- 15. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 811, characterized in that the alkylated and/or acylated disaccharide(s) or oligo-glucosides are chosen from substances which are given by the general structural formulae

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in which  $R_3$  to  $R_6$  include branched or unbranched saturated alkyl groups or acyl groups having 1-25 carbon atoms.

16. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 11, characterized in that the alkylated and/or acylated-monosaccharides and/or oligosaccharides are present in cosmetic or dermatological formulations.

17. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 11, characterized in that the alkylated and/or acylated monosaccharides and/or oligosaccharides are chosen from the

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group consisting of  $\beta$ -D-octylglucopyranoside,  $\beta$ -D-nonylglucopyranoside,  $\beta$ -D-dodecylglucopyranoside,  $\beta$ -D-dodecylglucopyranoside,  $\beta$ -D-tetradecylglucopyranoside and  $\beta$ -D-hexadecylglucopyranoside.

- 18. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 15, characterized in that the alkylated and/or acylated monosaccharides and/or oligosaccharides are present in natural or synthetic raw materials or auxiliaries or mixtures.
- 19. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 15, characterized in that the alkylated and/or acylated monosaccharides and/or oligosaccharides are present in cosmetic or dermatological formulations at a content of 0.005-50.0%, based on the weight of the total composition.
- 20. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 15 wherein the monosaccharides or oligosaccarides are present at a weight percent of 0.01-20.0% based on the total weight of the composition.
- 21. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the composition further comprises at least one acylated monosaccharide and/or acylated oligosaccharide wherein the acyl groups have 1-25 carbon atoms.
- 22. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the composition further comprises at least one acylated monosaccharide and/or acylated oligosaccharide wherein the acyl groups have 1-25 carbon atoms.
- 23. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the composition further comprises at least one acylated monosaccharide and/or acylated oligosaccharide wherein the acyl groups have 1-25 carbon atoms.